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Radiothon nets local food banks \$17,600

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Haliburton County showed its holiday spirit, giving \$17,640 to area food banks for the ninth annual Moose FM Radiothon.

On Thursday and Friday of last week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., county residents phoned in or walked in with their donations to the station.

On-air host Rick Lowes enjoyed being part of the event, but said the credit belongs to the generosity of the people in the county.

"It's a great feeling. We're like the facilitators ... or a conduit, I suppose, from the public to the food banks.

"It's great to see that so many people in the community are generous and willing to help out the community," he said.

"It makes us all feel good in the Christmas spirit kind of way."

He said some donors were former food bank clients, who donated because they were now in a position to do so - due in part to receiving help in the past.

They praised the food bank volunteers for their kindness and recalled how they were dealt with in a non-judgmental way.

The three hours the station was off the air Friday morning because of technical difficulties factored in the lower-than-expected

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'They saved my life'

Passersby credited for pulling woman out
of burning house on Barry Line Wednesday morning



Jenn Watt Staff

Dysart et al firefighters and Algonquin Highlands firefighters work to contain a fire at Dunloe Farm on Barry Line on Dec. 10 near West Guilford. The two-storey house was entirely destroyed. The cause is not yet known.

Jenn Watt
Editor

Darlene McConnell is sure if Barry Miscio and Joe Voicey hadn't driven down the Barry Line on Wednesday morning, Dec. 10, she would have died.

Disoriented, calling for her husband Dale, Darlene woke up in her basement bedroom to a house full of smoke.

"Dale was gone, but I didn't know Dale was gone," she said in an interview Friday.

He had gone to the hospital to pick up

their son Devan, 26, who was there overnight. At that moment, however, Darlene had forgotten those plans.

"I thought Dale might be in the house. I thought he might be laying in the smoke somewhere passed out," she said.

Meanwhile, Miscio and Voicey were on their way to work. They saw smoke rising up over the trees at the Dunloe Farm bed and breakfast owned by the McConnells and decided to check that everyone was OK.

When they arrived, the back of the house was on fire.

"He [Barry] wanted to make sure no one

was in there because all of their vehicles were in the yard so he ran around to the front and went in the front door and all the black smoke just came billowing out," said his wife Paula on Wednesday afternoon.

"He couldn't see anything, it was just pitch black, so he yelled in there to see if anybody was in there and he heard somebody back in the house somewhere yelling."

It was Darlene.

Darlene was disoriented by the smoke, which was about 30 inches from the floor,

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Recognizing 4WD's \$50,000 contribution to HHHSF

Over the years, the Ontario Federation of 4WD Recreationalists have donated \$50,000 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and on Dec. 14, a group came together to recognize that milestone. From left, Peter Oyler, HHHSF chairman; Varouj Eskedjian, CEO of HHHS; Peter Wood, president of the Federation; Chris Muir, head organizer of Camp NL Charity Trailfest; David Hunter and Adrian Collison, Just Jeeps (headline sponsor of Trailfest); and Dale Walker, executive director of HHHSF. The Federation has been coming to Haliburton since 2001 to hold its Camp NL Charity Trailfest. Each August, they hold the event at South Wind Motel, bringing 300 people to stay for a weekend of trail riding.

Photo submitted

Woman saved from vehicle overturned in water

On Saturday, Dec. 13, at approximately 9:25 a.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a motor vehicle collision on Gelert Road near Devlin Drive. A vehicle had overturned in a deep water-filled ditch.

The driver was able to exit the vehicle but his 53-year-old female passenger was trapped. The driver flagged down a passing motorist who was able to attach a winch line to the 2005 Honda Civic and keep it from totally submerging until emergency personnel arrived. At this point the female only had her head above water.

The female was extracted from the vehicle by the Minden Hills Fire Department with assistance from the OPP. The driver and passenger were both transported to the Haliburton Hospital by ambulance and treated for hypothermia. A full recovery is expected.

Police want to recognize the efforts of the passing motorist, Chris Dobbins and the driver Bharat Bhaga whose quick actions in a stressful situation led to a remarkable rescue.

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Men heard woman yelling from inside

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Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan said. She was woken by the fire alarm, but originally thought it was a false alarm – especially since it went off after a short time. “I thought maybe it was just smoke from the fireplace or something,” Darlene said. Believing Dale was in the house, Darlene assumed he had turned off the alarm.

It was when she got up to use the washroom that she realized the house was on fire.

“You could hear the flames crackling, so I’m screaming and screaming and this voice [was at] the door saying, ‘lady, lady, lady, your house is on fire, you have to get out here now,’” Darlene said.

Although she knew the house well, the thick smoke made it difficult to find her way around.

Barry and Joe kept yelling to Darlene, trying to find her in the darkness.

“He [Barry] got down and crawled in and kept telling her to talk to him so he could find her. He crawled through the dark and came across her. He felt her hair and just grabbed the back of her shirt – not thinking, it’s all your adrenaline going – so he just grabbed a hold of her and dragged her out of the building,” Paula said.

Voicey had crawled in behind Miscio, helping to keep him oriented in the darkness.

“Joe went in behind Barry and when Barry was crawling Joe was trying to hold his hand so Joe wouldn’t lose Barry in the smoke,” she said.

After getting Darlene out of the house,

“

You could hear the flames crackling so I’m screaming and screaming and this voice [was at] the door saying, ‘lady, lady, lady, your house is on fire, you have to get out here now.

— Darlene McConnell
on being saved from a fire at her home



Top left, Johnnie Currie, who lives nearby, took this photo of the Dunloe Farm home on Barry Line near West Guilford in the morning of Dec. 10. The home was destroyed by the fire.

Bottom left and above, firefighters from Dysart et al and Algonquin Highlands attended the Dunloe Farm fire on Dec. 10. The home was destroyed as were four pets. There were no human injuries. Jenn Watt Staff

there was some confusion as to whether Dale was still there. Surveying the trucks and cars in the driveway, they determined he had left earlier that morning.

“Barry put me in his truck and kept me warm and he kept checking on me,” Darlene recalls. By that point a number of people had arrived at the house and were working to drag cars away from the blaze.

Darlene estimates it was five minutes after she got out that the whole place was engulfed in flame.

“The thing that upset me most was my dogs and cats,” she said. Two dogs and two cats perished. “Anything else is just stuff. It can be replaced.”

Barry Miscio said he didn’t want to talk about the incident and Paula said the experience has been overwhelming.

While at the time the men were running on adrenaline and the drive to save another’s life, after the event the reality of what could have happened settled in.

The men could have easily died in the fire, which ended up reducing the two-storey home to rubble.

Soon after Miscio and Voicey rescued Darlene McConnell, Dysart et al firefighters and then Algonquin Highlands firefighters arrived to put out the blaze and spent more than four hours dousing it with water to stop it from travelling to other buildings.

Darlene believes that divine intervention brought Miscio and Voicey to her door Wednesday morning.

“I know the good Lord did this because it [the house] is way back in on the Barry Line,” she said.

She said she owes her life to the two men and hopes they are recognized for the bravery they showed.

“They should have an award because they saved my life. I would have been dead if they hadn’t have got me out.”

The McConnells did have insurance and are not yet sure whether they will rebuild. The cause of the fire isn’t known.



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Highlands East welcomes new council

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A new tradition was unveiled at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Dec. 9 during the inaugural ceremony for Highlands East councillors.

In the works for a few years, a chain of office was presented to recently elected Reeve Dave Burton, highlighting the mining history of the municipality.

Designed by a local artist, the chain of office was completed during the past term of council, but it was decided to wait and present it at the inauguration ceremony, said Highlands East chief administrative officer and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

Featuring fluorichterite, a rare mineral found near Wilberforce on the Essonville Line, the chain of office also includes a medallion with the words "Highlands East: Yours to Discover" and four keys representing the four wards.

This marks the first chain of office for Highlands East and will be worn by the reeve on special occasions.

Introduced by Michael Bainbridge, recreational geology project co-ordinator for the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization,

the chain of office represents a gem for the municipality.

"Our symbol of what is so special about this area," said Bainbridge. "It's also a symbol of the vision of this council to ensure that it stays this way."

Bainbridge has been working with the municipality in the past four years on a project involving developing mineral sites.

The chain of office was crafted in celebration of the municipality's 10th anniversary, said Stoughton-Craig.

"It's fitting that Reeve Dave Burton will be the first to wear it as he was the driving force behind staking the mineral sites," said the CAO/treasurer.

Burton said the chain of office belongs to the people of Highlands East and not to him.

"I'm deeply honoured and humbled that the people of Highlands East have elected me to serve as their reeve for another four years," he said.

Burton said he is looking forward to working with council.

"We will consult, we will debate, we will deliberate and at times hopefully disagree," he said. "But we will never waiver of our commitment to perform our goal to the best of our ability."

The ceremony also included each member of council taking the declaration of

office.

All but one of the five councillors were returning members, with Ward 1 now being represented by Cam McKenzie.

The new term of council includes Burton,

returning councillors for Ward 2 Suzanne Partridge, Ward 3 Cec Ryall and Ward 4 Joan Barton.



Angelica Blenich Staff

The new Highlands East council was sworn into office on Dec. 9, at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Elected to office on Oct. 27, the councillors are, from left, Ward 1 Councillor Cam McKenzie, Ward 2 Councillor and Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge, Reeve Dave Burton, Ward 3 Councillor Cec Ryall and Ward 4 Councillor Joan Barton.

Traffic stop leads to multiple charges

On Thursday, Dec. 11, an officer from the Haliburton Highlands OPP conducted a traffic stop on Highway 35 on the south edge of the Village of Minden.

The investigation revealed that the driver and lone occupant had been consuming alcohol. The officer made a demand for a roadside screening and the result of the subsequent test was a fail. The driver was arrested for over 80 and taken into custody.

Further checks showed that the driver was a suspended driver and a disqualified driver.

A check of the vehicle revealed an open container of liquor.

As a result the following charges were laid:

- Driving while Disqualified
- Driving while under suspension
- Driving with More than 80 mgs. of Alcohol in Blood
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

Charged is a 54 year old woman of Minden Hills. The vehicle she was driving was

impounded for 45 days.

Two vehicle collision involving wheelchair bus

On Thursday, Dec. 11, at 8 a.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a two-vehicle head-on collision on Highway 118 in Algonquin Highlands.

Both drivers sustained minor injuries and were transported to the Haliburton Hospital by ambulance.

One of the involved vehicles was an unloaded wheelchair bus. The second was a Ford Explorer. Both vehicles sustained substantial damage.

The Algonquin Highlands Fire Department also attended and assisted in the removal of the drivers.

As a result of the investigation the driver of the Ford Explorer, a 62 year old woman from West Guilford was charged with the Highway Traffic Act offence of careless driving.

Partridge chosen to be deputy-reeve of Highlands East

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 9 meeting of Highlands East council.

Returning Councillor Suzanne Partridge will once again serve as the deputy-reeve of Highlands East.

Partridge was nominated to the position by fellow Councillor Cec Ryall, which was seconded by new Councillor Cam McKenzie.

Councillor for Ward 2, Partridge said she was honoured to serve in the role for the municipality.

"Thanks so much for your confidence," she said. "I'm looking forward to working with Dave again."

This marks Partridge's second term as deputy-reeve. The councillor has served in municipal politics for more than a decade.

Change of day for council meetings

Mark it on your calendars, Highlands East council meetings will take place on a different day starting in February of 2015.


Councillors suggested changing the monthly meetings from every second and fourth Tuesday of the month to every second and fourth Monday.

The change was suggested in order to relocate the meetings to the new Wilberforce library branch, which will be more accommodating for the councillors and the public.

This change to the procedural bylaw requires proper notice to the public, said clerk Irene Cook.

She suggested the new day be introduced in February of next year, to ensure it is advertised to the public.

The meetings will commence at 9 a.m., except in special circumstances.



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Zombie walk to make changes for next year's event

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 15 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The Haliburton Zombie Walk is already eyeing some changes for 2015, said organizer Alex Bell.

The inaugural event in Haliburton Village on Nov. 1 drew hundreds of participants of all ages and brought in about \$3,000 in cash and \$3,000 in food donations for area food banks, said Bell.

"We certainly didn't see thousands of people like we would have hoped," he said. "But I think it was a good experience."

The organizer was given \$3,000 by the municipality to help cover expenses. In the end he came in \$49 under budget, thanks to the help of Dysart treasurer Barbara Swannell, he said.

The organizer behind the event and Terror on Wonderland Road said he got the impression many who attended the Zombie Walk didn't know what it was about.

"The response from people was really good. We were particularly pleased to see so many kids out," he said.

One area of success was in using social media to promote the event.

Bell said looking ahead he is hoping to set-up an online donation section on the website and the option of purchasing Zombie Walk attire online.

He also plans on hosting the event on the weekend prior to Halloween in 2015. The goal is to advertise and reach out to neighbouring communities more, such as Muskoka and Peterborough.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts congratulated Bell and his organizing committee on executing a good event.

While not all councillors were zombie enthusiasts, Reeve Murray Fearrey said the idea was to have more events in the park and bring people to Haliburton.

"What I really liked was it was a family event," said Roberts.

Fire department kept busy

The Dysart fire department was kept busy during the month of November, one of their busiest months of the year to date, said fire chief Miles Maughan.

The chief also referenced the fire at Dunloe Farm, which occurred last week. Maughan said he is currently working on something to recognize the two men who saved a life at the fire (see page 1).

Snowplowing struggles

Even though the official start to winter is days away, public works director Brian Nicholson is already receiving complaints about municipal snowplowing efforts.

Following the snowstorm on Nov. 19 and 20, he received complaints about the conditions of the roads, specifically Watts Road, he told council. He explained that staff plowed the roads the best they could, while adhering to health sand safety concerns.

Provincial regulations state that operators can't work more than 13 hour shifts, he said.

"Event responses are based on the adopted minimum maintenance standards, which based on this storm gave us 24 hours to have cleaned up, which was done," he wrote in his report to staff. "Some complaints came from class 6 roads, in which our policy gives us 48 hours to have cleaned up."

Nicholson said he wouldn't have done anything differently in the situation. One of the municipal trucks was damaged while plowing during the storm, according to Nicholson.

Arena fees may go up

With the rising cost of hydro, parks and recreation director Ray Miscio is suggesting the municipality look at increasing rental fees for the A.J. LaRue arena.

Some of the fees have not been raised in three years, he said.

Most of the current fees are increasing by \$5 or \$10, depending on the criteria. The fee schedule is comparable to Minden Hills's rates, which was Miscio's goal.

Miscio estimates the increase in fees will generate about \$10,000 of additional revenue for the municipality. The director suggested implementing them for July 1, 2015.

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Dixon and friends make season bright

Above, Jerelyn Craden joins Carl Dixon in their rendition of Let It Snow at the Carl Dixon and Friends Christmas concert at McKecks in Haliburton on Dec. 11. The evening was a fundraiser for the food bank.

Right, singer Sue MacDonald headed to the stage for an impromptu duet with Dixon.



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Local heroes

THERE'S A REASON firefighters tell members of the public not to go into burning buildings to rescue those trapped inside.

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But what if there isn't time for that?

How many of us would choose to walk into a burning house in search of a far-off voice calling from within?

Most will never encounter that dilemma and will therefore never know what they would do.

Last week two local men were faced with exactly that situation.

Disoriented by smoke and unsure where her husband was, Darlene McConnell was lost in her own home on the Barry Line on the morning of Dec. 10.

She had woken to a house on fire and while she found her way out of the basement, the thick wall of smoke on the main floor blocked her passage out of the house.

She screamed for her husband,

Dale, whom she thought might still be in the home.

Barry Miscio and Joe Voicey heard her.

Realizing Darlene couldn't find her way out and that the house would soon be engulfed, the two men crawled in, beneath smoke that was only 30 inches from the floor.



Jenn Watt
Editor

They called to Darlene and she called back and amazingly they found one another and Miscio dragged her out.

Five minutes later the house was consumed by flame.

Darlene says without a doubt she would have died in the house without their actions. Paula

Miscio, Barry's wife, says her husband is overwhelmed by what happened and isn't up for speaking about it yet.

Understandably so.

These men abandoned the human impulse of self-preservation to rescue someone they may not even know.

They risked it all – their very lives – on the chance they could save another.

Let us beam with pride knowing these two brave men are among our neighbours, family and friends.

Thank you.



Framing up the season

by Darren Lum

The gift of presence

TEN YEARS AGO this week, my then 18-year-old nephew Tanner was stabbed to death in the driveway of his family's home. His dad, a dentist, and his mom a PhD student at U of T were at a staff Christmas party and the younger son Cameron invited a few hockey friends over after a game.

The rule of the family was no guests over when parents were away, but these were long time friends and great kids so Cameron invited them over. One of the guests had a cellphone and made a call to another friend and through a chain of calls a group of "unknown guys" showed up.

Cameron tried unsuccessfully to get them to leave. Tanner arrived home at midnight, from work to find the unwanted guests and so proceeded to ask them to leave. On the way out, one of the young men picked up a knife from the family kitchen. Tanner was stabbed in the driveway of his home as his brother watched. The family has never recovered.

Yes, they have moved on but no one is ever the same after such a tragic event. We all love our kids. We all want to raise healthy, happy successful kids. We want our kids to have friends and work hard and grow into good people. We all want our kids to be safe and we want them to be respected and connected. It takes a lot of work and dedication to raise good people. It is like an 18 year meditation to raise a person. The work is never done.

As parents we have to keep adjusting and modifying what we are focused on as they age and as they each have their own unique circumstances to navigate. It behooves every single parent to have difficult conversations with their kids. To ask the uncomfortable and smart questions. To listen. To set limits that are going to ensure the safety of not only their own kid, but of all kids. We all know

how easily a small, seemingly innocent situation can get out of hand. Teens are still learning. Their brains aren't fully developed, even though they think they are. They don't always have the wisdom to make the best choices.

They are going to make mistakes and hopefully they aren't ones that lead to a tragedy like in my family.

The greatest gift every parent can give their kid at any time of the year, and at Christmas, is the gift of time, of presence, of listening and being involved in their lives in small or big ways. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and I hope that everyone has a safe and happy 2015.

We live in a beautiful part of the world and we are so lucky in so many ways. Never take it for granted. Look after your family and friends, hold them tight and enjoy spending time with them over the holidays. In the end they are what is most important. No one will remember what type of sweater you gave them, but they will the time that you spent with them. All the best.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great Green Meadow



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points of view

Christmas shopping: not my cup of tea

IT'S MY ABSOLUTE BELIEF that if you wanted to get rid of uninvited guests who propose to stay over for the weekend, all it would take is an afternoon of Christmas shopping.

In fact, if my past experience is any indication, I figure just two hours of Christmas music and checkout line ups would cause even the most freeloading cases to pack their bags, make an insincere excuse and head on home.

No matter what the catalogues and TV commercials say, Christmas shopping is not fun.

I know; we are supposed to be filled with joy because we are about to spend lots of money on a gift for a loved one that will give them an indication of how much they mean to us. But the reality is – for last minute shoppers like me, at least – you can't find that gift. So, they end up getting a gift that reflects poorly on you specifically and humanity in general.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

"Oh? Thunderwear," your loved one says, while doing her best to hide seething resentment. "What exactly is Thunderwear?"

You then, in your best "I'm making a sales pitch" voice, tell her that Thunderwear is underwear that doubles as a concealed weapons holster.

"I know you don't own or even like firearms," you say. "But, if you ever decide you would like to carry a concealed pistol in the privacy of your own underwear, you've got these!"

By the way, it helps to end a sentence like this with "Ta-dah!" Or, "You're welcome."

A situation like this can go one of two ways. She can accept the gift gracefully or she can decide then and there that she would actually like to start the process of getting herself a pistol – which would be great, if not for all the questions about which calibre would best stop a last minute Christmas shopper in his tracks.

And that's the up side of all this.

The down side is that you didn't know her size and bought the Thunderpants three sizes too large just to be sure.

The point is Christmas shopping is not easy, fun or safe.

I'm writing this now from a position of trepidation because I have yet to venture out into the world to forage for gifts for my loved ones. But soon – and by that I mean on Dec. 24, after 8 p.m. – I will have to venture out into the big bad world and settle for gifts that weren't even remotely on my – or anyone else's – list.

I submit to you, dear reader, that the reason we are all so overjoyed on Christmas morning is not because we are celebrating a gathering of family, the opening of gifts, or even the Biblical story; we are overjoyed because another year of Christmas shopping is behind us.

All this is also a bit confusing to me since we receive mixed messages about this whole conundrum. From about June 1 to Dec. 26, the media is telling us that we must spend lots of dollars to get those special gifts for those we love. Nothing, up to and including a Leer Jet, is too good for those on your Christmas list – at the very least we're told it's a fine time to buy her that special bit of jewelry that requires six months' salary.

This is drummed into our heads right up until Dec. 27. That's when the accountants and financial advisors finally get air time and tell us that, for some reason, we all spend too much at Christmas and that we are all fiscally irresponsible.

Between you and me, I much preferred it when Santa did all this for us.

By the way, the Thunderwear scenario I used in this column never happened. The store was all out of them by the time I got there last Christmas eve.

letters to the editor

It's not all about Toronto

To the Editor,

As the president of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association, I hear often from local small business owners involved in the construction and renovation industry that they struggle to find and hire young people interested in pursuing the skilled trades as a career.

And instead of government doing something positive about this – they merely set up a new bureaucracy that gets in the way of encouraging young people from joining our industry.

The Ontario College of Trades was supposedly created to elevate the status of tradespeople in the province. Unfortunately, it has not lived up to its promise. Its leadership talks down to industry. There is a lack of transparency in how it operates and it is unaccountable in its decisions. The result is that Ontario is still left with the highest journeyman-to-apprentice ratios in all of Canada. This ratio makes it more difficult for employers to hire young apprentices and therefore makes it more difficult for young people to find work. OCOT now enforces these high ratio requirements with a full enforcement division.

In order to pay for this new bureaucracy, tradespeople across Ontario now must pay \$120 annu-

ally to OCOT in order to continue working legally in Ontario. This fee was created with little justification for exactly what the money would be used towards or a real explanation by OCOT on how they are promoting the trades. People working in the trades are becoming really frustrated.

This frustration towards OCOT came up during the provincial election. The Tories said they would abolish it and the Liberals said they would review OCOT. Last month the Liberal Government appointed Tony Dean, the former head of the Ontario Public Service, to lead a review. Although the review is in its early stages, we have yet to see the complete details on how the review will proceed, let alone the outcomes that might result from the review.

At the very least, the review needs to visit areas outside of Toronto, so that tradespeople that pay into OCOT from all across Ontario, not just Toronto, have a voice in its future. People working in the skilled trades deserve better. A full review of OCOT, visiting urban, rural and northern areas in Ontario is a good place to start.

Shane Sisson
President HCHBA

Revelations on the cat problem

To the Editor,

One cold winter night in February 1961, a car slowed and stopped at our gate and went on. A few moments later a small frightened kitten turned up at our door, meowing and then shivering in the cold. Want one or not we had another cat!

Fast forward 53 years, and nothing has changed. If anything, things have gotten worse. In our throw-away generation, living creatures are callously discarded by irresponsible pet owners, like so much garbage. In a conversation in Minden a lady was stressed to report a friend had called, and said she had become tired of her cat of three years and dumped it downtown!

Revelation #1, domestic cats abandoned by owners rarely survive without intervention, most starve, or freeze to death, are killed by predators, cars, or homeowners who don't want them around.

Revelation #2, feral cats: they don't fall from the sky and are not delivered by storks! These are the wild offspring of domestic cats who do survive and are wild. You see them everywhere wandering the streets in towns, hunkering down under buildings trying to find protection from the cold, or little kittens killed on the highway, or licking spilled coffee from the snow trying to find something to eat to survive. Minden has 40 or 50+. In Bobcaygeon the estimates are 300+, Lindsay, don't ask, and in Kinmount I think they are all living at my place. Frankly I believe these estimates are the tip of the iceberg, as

they don't reflect the ones dumped at farms or areas where they are not so obvious.

Revelation #3, shooting ferals won't solve the problem unless you also plan on shooting the stupid people who are responsible for dropping them in the first place!

We seem to have money for everything, including turtle crossings, so it is time the local municipal governments get their collective asses together and entered the 21st century and started to deal with the cat problem. This is a problem created by taxpayers so their money needs to be taken to deal with it. If I had my way instead of requiring people to license pets, I think we should license people to acquire animals in the first place.

Revelation #4 pet ownership is not a right, it is a privilege. If you can't afford to look after a pet, and are not prepared to make it a lifetime commitment, then you shouldn't acquire a pet, period. Seems to me I got that speech from my mother when I wanted my first puppy, back in 1951! Dream on, on that idea! Many areas have moved to license cats, the money is then used to provide free spay and neuter clinics. Many areas have moved to provide shelter for ferals, then trap spray and neuter them, releasing them into their new habitat. Many areas have moved to pass bylaws, outlining the minimum requirements of acceptable pet care. A plywood dog house, with no flap and no hay and a dog on a three foot chain, with a frozen bowl of water, does not meet acceptable

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points of view

Feral cat problem

from page 7

standards! Many areas have moved to provide fines for abandonment of animals when the perpetrator can be identified.

Humane Societies rely wholly on donations to deal with the flood of abandoned cats. It's time the municipal governments started to give them money to assist, since this problem is caused by their ratepayers. As it now stands everyday citizens are being forced to step in and try to help while the local governments do nothing. It is time for change, if you agree with me let's talk. Let's make 2015 the year local Governments finally get their collective asses together and do something constructive to work to help solve the problem.

Keith W. Stata,
Kinmount

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Good Samaritan saves the day

To the Editor,

Having lived in Haliburton County for five years now, I thought I was prepared for the winters we experience. After all, not long after I arrived (three weeks to be exact) we got the great snow storm of 2009. You remember the one, when Minden declared a state of emergency and a certain reporter I know was trapped in his home for three days.

So imagine my shock when the snow that fell this past Wednesday sent my car into a tizzy.

Yes it's true, I don't have four-wheel drive. But surely my Volkswagen can handle these few centimetres, OK maybe more than a few centimetres, of snow.

My day began with a drive to Stanhope, which was lengthened due to the highway being closed because of an accident.

Although my arrival was uneventful, it was only downhill from there. Because let's face it, there was no way my car was going uphill.

A few attempts at hills on Airport Road followed. Then is was time to get trapped in the driveway of an interview subject. At this point I would like to send sincere thanks to Bryan Teasdale for his shovelling expertise and help in getting me out of the driveway and back on the Barry Line. You showed great patience and a kind, generous spirit!

Another scary trip on the roads was followed by what I thought would be the end of my day, arriving to my final destination: the Haliburton Echo office.

Was I wrong! A quick turn from Highland Street to Cedar Avenue proved to be a mountainous effort, one my little red car was

not up for. I tried and I tried, but it would not go up. So there I was, stuck at the stop sign with nowhere to go.

And then he came. A saviour if you will. A good Samaritan!

A man in a truck with a plow cruised right on next to me and removed the snow from the street. And when he realized this still wasn't enough for my German car he squeezed by me once again and parked in the middle of a very busy intersection to direct traffic and let me back up out of a pickle.

A near death experience was quickly becoming a Canadian winter episode. And boy was I happy about that!

So thank you Dave Freeman, the man with the plow. Thank you for stopping to help me and for getting me out of a sticky situation. I cannot thank you enough for taking time out of your schedule and coming to my rescue.

It's nice to know that not only is Haliburton filled with shovels and plows, but friendly faces willing to use them for others.

Angelica Blenich

Take time to enjoy the small things

Gerald Irish

A Senior's Moment

Today, while performing one of my daily duties, walking our dogs along the path in the park on Head Lake, I was dumbfounded by the beauty crafted by the master artist.

Each long blade of grassy hay had its head gently dusted with a smattering of snow, just enough to cause the heads to bow toward the ground and away from the winds that fanned them.

Along the edge of the waters lay a thin grey-blue coating of ice and just beyond this was a soft brown slush collection of snow and ice.

On some parts of the lake one could see the magnificent Highland scenery reflected in mirror-like waters. Other parts of the waters rippled and shook in the breeze.

The few remaining geese and the gulls made their dark impressions on the waters of the lake, breaking the calm or rippling waters just enough to add focal points of interest.

Standing there with the cold breeze blowing in my face, like a village idiot, I was so enraptured by the beauty of our Highlands and our lake that I did not want to move and break the spell I seemed to be under. Our dogs finally roused me from my hypnotic trance and we went home.

Later on in the day, I was sharing this wondrous event with another true Haliburtonian and was reminded by her that we are among the most fortunate people here. We have lived with this beauty all of our lives and that only now, as we realize we are approaching our last chances of viewing this countryside in all its majesty, are we really and finally learning to appreciate the Master Artist's works.

After thinking it over, she's correct. In my years leading up to the present, I know that I did not take the time to look, to see, to appreciate the countryside in which I have lived all my life.

Don't make the same mistake. Take time out of your busy schedule to observe what is around you. Stop! Look! Appreciate! Enjoy the works of the Master! You are truly lucky to be in Haliburton.

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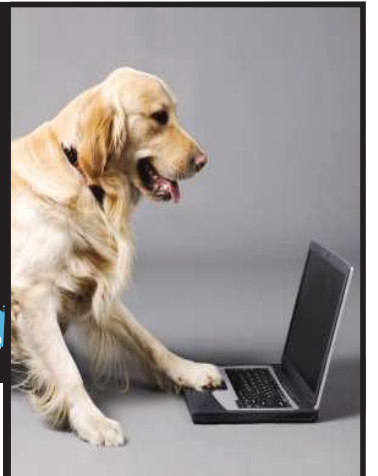
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HHHSF invests in new ultrasound equipment

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Patients in Haliburton County will be seeing a clear picture with the installation of new ultrasound equipment at the Haliburton hospital.

On Dec. 10 the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation unveiled a new ultrasound machine, part of a larger ultrasound project they funded to the tune of

\$280,000.

Located in a new room within the Haliburton hospital, the ultrasound machine is up and running, accommodating approximately 15 ultrasound exams a day.

The plan is to perform exams three days a week, processing a total of 45 exams each week in Haliburton County, said Veronica Nelson, director of diagnostic imaging for HHHS.

"The images are reported by radiologists," she said. "The report turn around time is

just a few hours."

Ultrasound exams can be used for a variety of medical issues, including obstetrics, pelvic issues and "lumps and bumps," said Nelson.

"This machine is the latest and greatest," she said.

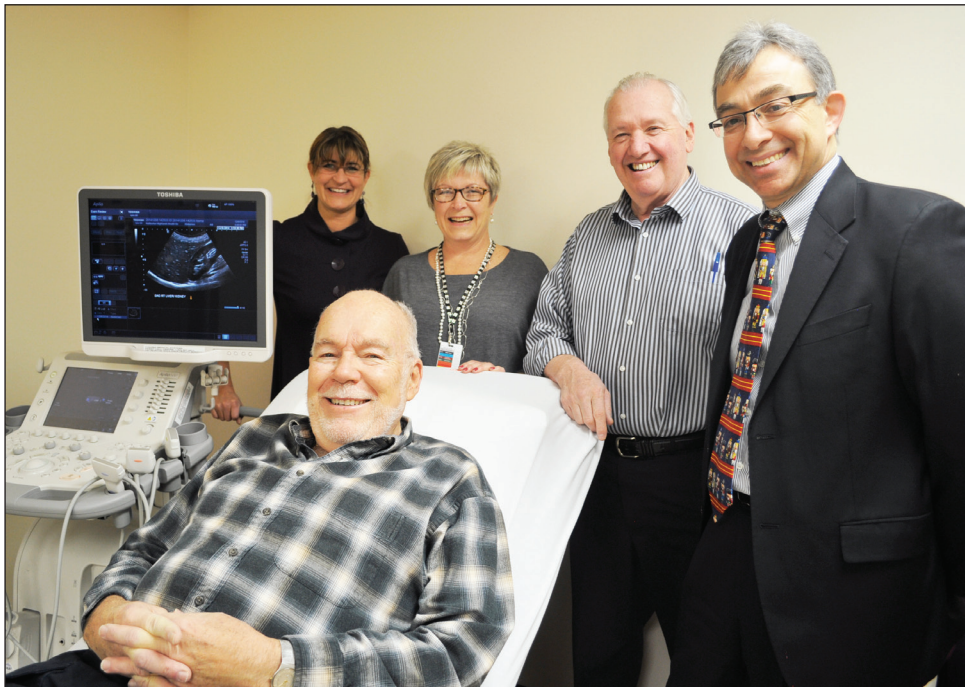
Prior to the new equipment arriving, most ultrasound exams were done outside of the county, with the exception of clinics that would be set-up at HHHS on occasion.

The new machine saves a lot of expense,

time and travel for patients, said HHHSF executive director Dale Walker.

Nelson estimates most patients will be able to receive an ultrasound exam within two to three weeks of booking. Emergency exams will be performed as soon as possible.

Looking to the future, the health services organization hopes to expand the service to five days a week, said Nelson.



Angelica Blenich Staff

The new ultrasound equipment made its debut at the Haliburton hospital on Dec. 10. The ultrasound project cost a total of \$280,000 and was funded by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The new equipment means the HHHS can now perform ultrasound exams three days a week, processing about 45 exams every week. From back row left, Veronica Nelson, HHHS director of diagnostic imaging, Dale Walker, HHHSF executive director, Don Popple, HHHSF director and campaign co-chair, Varouj Eskedjian, HHHS president and CEO. Front, Peter Oyler, HHHSF chairman.

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A toast to the winter games

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Wine connoisseurs everywhere will be able to make an investment in the Ontario 55+ Winter Games, to be held in the Haliburton Highlands this February, simply by buying a bottle of red or white.

On Dec. 10, organizers of the Winter Games announced a special partnership with Colio Estate Winery, which will see a dollar from every bottle of two types of Colio wine go toward the games.

The featured wines are called Bricklayer Estates, which include a cabernet merlot and a pinot grigio/chardonnay blend, said general manager of the games Myke Malone.

"Both are VQA wines," he said. "It's all about if you're going to buy wine for Christmas, or New Year's, or gifting, buy that one and you're supporting the games."

Colio Estate Winery will be making the dollar contribution on bottles of those two wines purchased from now until when the games take place, which is February 2015.

They can be found at 17 area LCBOs, as well as restaurants in and around Haliburton County, such as McKecks, Pinestone Resort and Trading Bay Company.

The donation is still made if the wine is purchased while dining out, said Malone.

A display is set-up at each liquor store, with the featured wines and a sign promoting the games. In addition to announcing the partnership with Colio Estates, Malone had more news to share about the winter games, includ-



Chair of the Ontario 55+ Winter Games, Alan Clark, left, and Mike Ross, area manager for Colio wines, celebrate a partnership between the wine company and the winter games at the Haliburton LCBO on Dec. 10. A dollar from every bottle of Colio wine sold from now until next February will go towards the games. **Marci Mandel** Special to The Echo

ing an expansion to the hockey portion of the event. "We've added a women's 50+ tournament to the games," said Malone. "It's going to be an exhibition tournament on the Monday and the Tuesday." A first for the senior games, the tournament featuring women age 50 and over will take place on the two days prior to the start of the event.

"Women's hockey has never been in the games before," said the general manager. "It's going to bring six more teams to town for two more days." Malone says the addition will pro-

mote the growing sport and be a boon for the area.

"They've got six teams competing," he said. "It's kind of cool."

The Ontario 55+ Winter Games are set to take place from Feb. 17 to 19, 2015 throughout Haliburton County. This will mark the second time the games have been hosted in the county.

The multi day event includes sports such as hockey, table tennis, curling and Nordic skiing.

Technical difficulties slowed donations

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total. By the end of Thursday evening, Lowes said the donation total was ahead of last year's pace by close to \$4,000 and he thought there was a good chance to break \$20,000 before Friday.

Although this year's total is shy of last year's mark, which exceeded \$18,000, there is still a lot to appreciate. Every dollar helps, he adds.

"When you take that into consideration it all worked out," he said.

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We're like the facilitators ...from the public to the food banks.

— Rick Lowes

Wilberforce welcomes St. Nick

Photos by Angelica Blenich



The Algonquin Shrine Club was all smiles during the Santa Claus parade in Wilberforce. The afternoon parade included the Highlands East fire department, floats from Agnews General Store, Foodland and members of the Haliburton and District Lions Club.



Three-year-old Quinn Byrne enjoys a visit with Santa Claus at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre on Dec. 14. Organized by the Highlands East fire department and members of the community, the afternoon event followed the Wilberforce Santa Claus parade and included free hot dogs for children, bags of candy and presents.



Horses and riders from South Algonquin Trails in Harcourt enjoy a stroll down Loop Road.



Ladies from the Wilberforce Legion Auxiliary wave to those lined up on the street.



Homemade Stew a delicious dish

Rabid Dogs, comprised of Robert Van Nood, Bart Hilhorst, Frank Zieger and Eric Litman closed out the Homemade Stew concert on Dec. 13, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. They sang two songs, *Highway 401* and *The Fishing Song*. The band is no stranger to the stage, formed in 1988. The line-up of talent included Cassidy Glecoff, Chad Ingram, Lauren McInnes, Tim Tofflemire and Bethany Houghton and Ernie Demuth, to name a few.

Photos by Angelica Blenich



Trio Cappucino, (Thom Lambert, left, Sue Shikaze and Ed Poropat) start off the second set of Homemade Stew, presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society on Dec. 13. This year marked the second annual Homemade Stew, hosted by Mike Jaycock.



Tom Regina, left, and Stan Russell entertain the audience with a bossa tune.



Algonquin

INSPECTION

Algonquin Park Forest 2010–2020 Forest Management Plan Inspection of Approved Planned Operations for Phase II 2015–2020

Ontario Parks (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - MNRF), the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) and the Algonquin Park Local Citizens Committee (LCC), are advising you that the Planned Operations for the second five-year term 2015–2020 of the 2010–2020 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Algonquin Park Forest have been approved by the MNRF Regional Director and are available for inspection.

The MNRF-approved Planned Operations for the second five-year term will be available for inspection for 30 days. During the 30-day inspection period, there is an opportunity to make a written request to the Director, Environmental Assessment Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for an individual environmental assessment of specific forest management activities in the Planned Operations for the second five-year term.

The MNRF-approved planned operations for the second five-year term and planned operations summary are available for inspection during normal office hours by appointment for 30 days from **December 10, 2014 to January 12, 2015** at the following locations:

- AFA office, 222 Main Street West, Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y1 (Gordon Cumming, Plan Author, 705-789-9647 ext. 30)
- MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans
- The Ontario Government Information Centre in Toronto and ServiceOntario locations in Huntsville, Pembroke, Bancroft, Bracebridge and Minden provide Internet access.

For further information, please contact:

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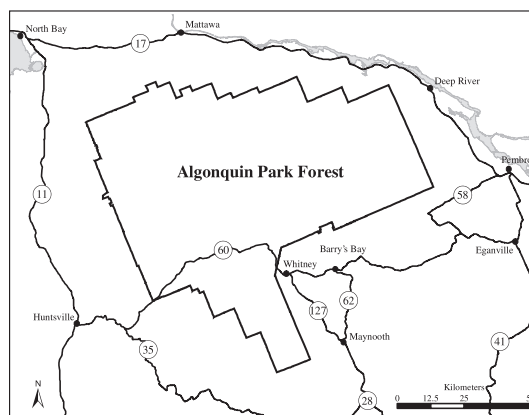
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The approved planned operations will be available for public viewing for the five-year period at the same locations listed above.

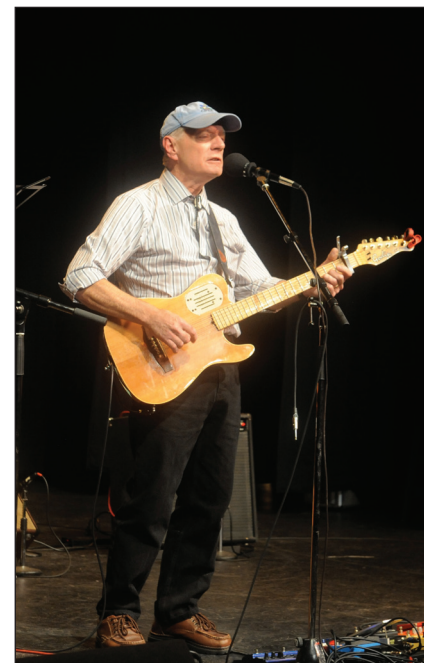
This is the third and final opportunity to influence operations for the second five-year term.

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Canning Lake recording artist Ray Montford plays a piece titled *No One Like You*, dedicated to Jean Beliveau.



Haliburton Lake cottager Bill Candy serenaded the crowd with new singles *Idle Never More* and *Double You*, both of which have won awards.





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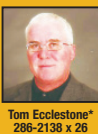
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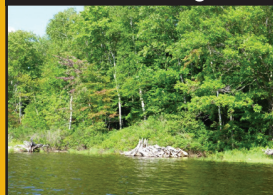
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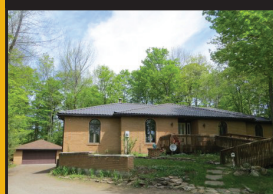
Halls Lake \$250,000



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Defibrillators replaced throughout Haliburton County

Machines in county's arenas to be swapped for new ones

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Five new automated external defibril-

lators have been placed throughout the county in arenas and community centres.

The machines, portable devices that help those having a heart attack or other heart related issue, were replaced thanks to a partnership between the federal government and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

In Haliburton County, the new machines are replacing AEDs that are five years or older, according to Larry Blanchard, deputy-chief of quality assurance and education for the county's paramedic depart-

ment.

The AEDs have been located in the A.J. LaRue Community Centre, A.J. LaRue Arena, the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre and the S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

According to a media release issued by local Member of Parliament Barry Devolin, the initiative is being funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada and implemented by the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"In terms of a cost benefit analysis, the number of dollars spent compared to the number of lives saved, this is a huge pay-back," said Devolin.

The MP pointed to a high success rate for AED machines, which can help save a life in the event of an emergency.

"If you think of arenas, they are a gathering place," said Devolin. "They have statistics that show in recreational facilities, especially like arenas, that these things happen more frequently than elsewhere."

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The Times

Food costs continue climb

The cost of healthy eating continues to rise in 2014, putting the health of some local residents at risk, warns the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Some low-income families do not have enough money to buy healthy food once other necessities such as rent, utilities, clothing and transportation are paid, notes Elsie Azevedo Perry, a registered dietitian with the HKPR District Health Unit. "If people cannot afford to eat healthy foods, their overall health is often affected," she says. "They may be more prone to chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as depression and distress."

The health unit measured the cost of healthy eating in 2014 for Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes using a tool called the Nutritious Food Basket Survey. The basket consists of 67 food items that are nutritious and commonly purchased by Ontarians, but excludes other essentials such as cleaning products, diapers, toilet paper and personal care items. Health Unit staff priced items in the nutritious food basket at several local grocery stores earlier this year.

In 2014, the health unit found the cost to feed a family of four (father, mother, teenaged boy and girl between the ages of four and eight) was \$190.37 per week, an increase of \$3.78 per week from 2013. For a single parent with a young boy, the cost of a Nutritious Food Basket was \$76.88 per week. That is an increase of \$1.16 per week from 2013.

"The weekly increase in food costs may not seem like a lot, but once it's spread out over an entire year, it can make it difficult for people on limited incomes or people living paycheck to paycheck

to make ends meet," Azevedo Perry says.

Typically, as the price of healthy eating increases, so will the costs associated with transportation, rent, utilities and other basic necessities. "Then the situation is even worse, since someone who relies on social assistance or minimum wage may not see their income keeping pace with their overall living costs. Tough decisions need to be made, and purchasing healthy food may not be seen as important as paying other bills" says Azevedo Perry.

In the spirit of the holiday season, local residents are encouraged to donate healthy food items, warm clothing, toys or other essential household items that help families in need. Gifts of money or volunteer time are also welcomed.

People can also rethink health and help reduce local poverty. "Health is about more than health care," says Azevedo Perry. "Our health is also connected to where we live, the opportunities we have, the choices we make, and the decisions made by our government." To that end, she urges people to lobby their municipal leaders to consider poverty-reduction strategies that help build a healthier community and address the root causes of poverty such as income security and affordable housing. Municipal governments play a significant role, as many of the decisions they make and the programs and services provided can affect the well-being of residents.

For more information, contact the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca under the "Adults/Rethink Health" section for practical ways that residents and municipal leaders can create a healthier community.

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Century 21 donates to Food Bank

The realtors at Century 21 Granite Group's Haliburton office donated \$500 to the 4Cs Food Bank last week. Here, owners Andrew and Anne Hodgson present a cheque to Judy MacDuff, Ron Mark and Rose Barry of the food bank.

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Red Hawks hold off Flames attack

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

He was just happy to have survived the onslaught of rubber.

When visiting Campbellford Flames goalie Isaac Dart came to Haliburton to play the Red Hawks hockey team on Wednesday, Dec. 10 he was ready to hit the ice with hopes of scoring, but never thought he'd have to be on the other end, being the last line of defence.

However when teammate and starting goalie Bailey Fife was lifted for a concussion late in the first period, creating a "goaltender substitution" break of 15 minutes, Dart, a fourth string goalie was called into action. The substitution and break is allowed when a goalie suffers an injury and cannot proceed, forcing the team to dress another goalie.

The high-flying Hawks showed little sympathy during the game (that was reserved for after the 6-1 win when a strong contingent of several players skated off the ice with the Flames goalie.)

The game, like a few this season for the Hawks, didn't start very well for the red and white.

Red Hawks coach Ron Yake said the Flames were in his team's end for most of the first four minutes. His team might have had a slow start, but the defence held strong, not allowing a shot.

"The positive of that is, I don't think, they got a shot," he said. "So, even though we didn't get the puck in their end much we played very well defensively. That's really

important for us. Granted, we need to play a little sharper off the start and that's definitely something we need to improve on."

Later in the first period, the Hawks executed a better forecheck, which led to scoring opportunities and could have resulted in two goals, Yake said.

The Hawks momentum continued despite the goalie substitution break with minutes left in the first.

Hawks Joel Fedeski started off the scoring when he scored after a failed attempt by the Flames to clear their zone. Fedeski is tied as the team's top scorer with six points (four goals and two assists), but has the most goals as of Dec. 11.

Up to this point the game was far closer than what the final score would indicate.

Fedeski's teammate Devon Upton, who returned to the lineup after missing the past few games due to a Trillium Lakelands District School Board decision, scored seconds later in tight to the net, as he was wide open picking up a loose puck for a 2-0 lead.

A few minutes after Upton's goal, Hawks forward Paydon Miscio let loose a rocket, a slapper from inside the Flames blueline for the team's insurance marker and third goal. This goal was all the insurance the Hawks needed against a Flames squad, who had been showing some resolve after losing their starting goalie.

Flames goalie Dart didn't even move when the puck shot past him.

"It kind of showed that goalie was out of his element," Yake said.

He credits the Flames with the effort, but can't downplay having a backup goalie on the bench enough.



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks goalie Jordan Hamilton slides across his crease in anticipation of Campbellford Flames forward Blaine Thompson who missed a pass in a game on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre arena in Haliburton.

"That's one position you can't throw an extra guy into," he said.

"I think it affected the mindset of all the players on both teams. Once we scored two or three of the easier goals it kind of slowed us down a bit too. I think it made them a little frustrated as well," he said. "Considering the number of shots he had it was a good game for him."

Going into the holidays, Yake is happy with his team's progress.

"There's lot of good things happening out on the ice. We worked a little bit on our forechecking and yesterday in practice I saw some of the things we tried to work on. They're coming together nicely," he said.

As of Dec. 12, the Hawks are 3-1-0 and the Flames are 3-1-1.

Haliburton is fourth (as of Dec. 12), tied with the Crestwood Mustangs with six points, one point behind the Flames in the standings, but have played one game less.

Mac Rider, who had missed a few games with a shoulder injury, returned to the for-

wards corps with Upton and Jaydon Wood. Like Upton, Wood also missed the early part of the season because of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's decision.

Yake said these three veteran players added depth to the team.

Upton and Wood accounted for a combined four points (three goals and one assist) and more than half the team goal total for the game.

Hawks defenceman Blake Wood chipped in one goal while teammates Chris Hall and Connor Dollo had two assists each while a single assist came from Owen Flood and Curtis Ballantyne.

Owen Smith and Andrew Hall were out of the lineup as healthy scratches.

Hawks goalie Logan Churko was out with an injury while Cole Finlay was the backup to Hamilton for the Flames game.

The team's next home game is at 3:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4 against Adam Scott.



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks defenceman Ryan Hill takes position against Campbellford Flames forward Dawson Turcotte in front of Haliburton's net in a game on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre arena in Haliburton. The Hawks were held in check until the second period when they exploded with five goals and went on to win 6-1.

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Thursday, January 1, 2015
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Saturday, December 27 Sunday, December 28
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Darren Lum Staff
Red Hawks forward Paydon Miscio, who scored an insurance marker in the second period, blocks out Campbellford Flames player Brandon Herrington in the visitor's zone on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre arena in Haliburton. The Hawks were held in check until the second period when they exploded for five goals and went on to win 6-1.

Respectable tournament finish

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team battled in the Maxwell Mustangs Christmas Classic hockey tournament from Dec. 3 to 4.

It featured 30 high school teams.

Goal scoring was at a premium as the team defeated a large school from London 2-1, tied the All Saints from Toronto 2-2, and lost to Holy Trinity of Bowmanville 1-0.

Submitted by Judi Paul

Events

Turnovers kill Hawks

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks boys' senior basketball team is looking to erase the pain of having victory ripped from their hands after a heartbreaking 30-24 loss, which belies the close game.

When the visiting Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons came to Haliburton they might not have expected the war that befell them. After all, they beat the I.E. Weldon Wildcats, who outpaced the Hawks at home earlier in the season, so why not the Hawks?

The Falcons jumped ahead and had a lead for most of the game until late in the fourth quarter.

With the home fans, the Hawks stayed within striking distance all game and kept the Falcons within a couple of possessions to tie due to a strong effort, particularly executing the full court press on defence.

By the half, the Falcons finished the first two frames with an important buzzer beating three-pointer to take a 13-8 lead into the break.

However, the Hawks weren't deterred and buoyed by a solid defence held firm, keeping the game close. The home team drew the deficit to one point at the end of three-quarter 17-16.

The Red Hawks' Hunter Smith, the team's leading scorer for the season, who scored eight in the fourth quarter for 10 in the game, came through with a clutch three-pointer to give the home side its first lead 24-23.

"That's when I called a time-out and we just had to hold it. We made a turnover very soon after that," Red Hawks coach Dave Waito said.

With a little more than a minute left in the game, the Hawks lost possession of the ball and the lead. This turnover was almost negated when the Hawks made a steal on the Falcons' possession, but turned the ball over again and couldn't respond to the Falcons, who went on to a 7-0 run to end the game.

Turnovers have been the team's Achilles heel all season and it bit the Hawks again when it mattered most, as Haliburton's last-ditch play to tie failed to even get started because of a turnover.

With eight seconds, the Hawks just couldn't move the ball after the inbounds, losing it on a travelling call.

A silver lining to the loss is the lesson this kind of game can teach a team, Waito said.

"My hope is they can recognize a concrete real example of why it's so important to take care of the ball. With that said we were tight with a good team," he said.

The Hawks, who turned the ball over four times with 1:14 left in the game, finished with 19 turnovers and are 2-3 on the season.

Attacking the inside on offense and executing on the defensive end factored in the close game.

"That made a big difference. Our[defence]was the best of the season for sure, which is really good," he said.

Waito loved his team's defensive effort for the entire game despite the team's struggles with turnovers. He's appreciated the way his team has executed the full court press.

"I like good, strong defensive teams. We said at the start of the year that was how we were going to make a dif-

ference. If we come across stronger teams then we were going to make it hard for them to get themselves comfortable. That will be how we tip the scales back in our favour," he said.

The team will continue to improve with adjustments and tweaks, he said.

When the team was working within the half court, they were executing on swinging the ball to find open players to either draw defenders are for open looks at the basket.

"When you see that stuff I think the boys are starting to understand the game a little more and so that's good. It's good to have a really tight game. You hope that you have a tight game. When you lose you remember the taste of that loss and use it when we face Fenelon again in the New Year," he said.

Waito credited the Hawks supporters for bringing his team the energy needed for the full-court press.

"The more we can have in the stands the better. It does help bring the team up. That was a bonus," he said.

Waito continues to be high on Cody Bain, who has been a model of rebounding.

Bain and Hunter Bishop led the team with four rebounds.

The Red Hawks don't play again until Wednesday, Jan. 7 in Peterborough. Their next home game is Monday, Jan. 12, against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute at 3 p.m. That will be a tough game, since LCVI defeated the Hawks previously and is undefeated at this time.

This week the team will host an alumni team of players from the past three on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m.

With files from the Red Hawks Gord Cochrane

Hawks ballers bring Titans down to earth

Gord Cochrane
Special to the Echo

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks senior basketball team travelled to Lindsay on Monday, Dec. 8 and defeated the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans senior basketball team 38-30.

The Red Hawks were ahead at the end of the first quarter, 9-5, and extended their lead at halftime to 21-14. In fact, the Red Hawks led throughout the entire game, leading 30-22 at the end of three quarters.

Although the Hawks left with a win, the team committed 24 turnovers.

They fell well short of keeping the team's turnover goal of 10 and continue to work hard to reduce the turnovers, as part of the team's three season goals: turnovers, rebounds and getting inside on offence.

The Red Hawks were led in scoring by Hunter Smith. Smith scored 13 points and leads the team for the season. He was followed in scoring by Cody Bain with eight, Nick Thompson with five, and Devon Bangay with three.

Cody Bain was the top rebounder for the Red Hawks, hauling in seven rebounds. Smith and Thompson weren't far behind, each grabbing five rebounds.

Angus Sullivan led the team in steals, making three steals. He also drew two charging fouls.

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Reaching for a win

Above left, Red Hawks junior players Parker Smolen, left,
and Jacob Haedicke converge on a rebound during the
team's home game against the Fenelon Falls Secondary
School Falcons on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Above, Hawks post player Collin Martin grabs an
offensive rebound, showing his desire to take the ball.
The Hawks lost to the Falcons.

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Jets and Storm clash in Wilberforce

The Bancroft Jets came to Wilberforce to take on the RM Carpentry Atom A Storm, and as fans from both teams remarked, this is always an entertaining game. It did not disappoint, as this was a hard fought affair. Both teams came out like a bat out of H, E, double hockey sticks. The first period was a head to head close checking battle resulting in a nil nil stalemate. Early in the second, a loose puck squirted out of the key towards the zone. Storm boarder guard Hutchingson jumped forward with his stick raised for the one timer, released the howitzer, and left a crater in the back of the net to take a 1-0 Storm lead.

Storm net minder Maddock made a brilliant save with his face, a scramble in the crease ensued and the Jets tied it up. Two more from the Jets made the score 3-1. Late in the third, Winder pressed hard, taking the puck up the wing to his office behind the net, where he made a precision pass out front on the stick of Robinson who buried it to bring the Stom within one.

With eight seconds before the conclusion, the Storm pressed hard with defence-man Glecoff and his cohorts trying to will the puck to the Bancroft goal, but it was too little too late as the Jets edged the Storm 3-2 in this very entertaining clash of rivals.

Submitted by Jason Glecoff

Close game for Novices

This weekend the Canadian Tire Novices came out with one win and one loss. Friday night's game against Bancroft proved to be an exciting game. Both teams worked hard and were determined to win. But Highland Storm came out on top with a 1-0 win.

Sunday sent the Canadian Tire Novices to Huntsville to play against the Otters. Storm knew that this was going to be a tough game. The otters came out scoring first to start the game off. Storm battled hard but wasn't getting the puck past the Otters goaltender. The Otters got another one taking the lead 2-0. Not long after Storm got on the board putting themselves right back in the game. The Otter managed to squeak one more past our goaltender giving them a 3-1 lead. But Storm wasn't giving up we got a second goal to cut their lead by only one. Storm continued to attack the Otters' net pulling out all the stops to tie up the score. In the end storm lost by one final score was 3-2.

Come out to cheer on The Canadian Tire Novices on Friday night in Wilberforce at 7 p.m. when they play the Bancroft Jets.

Submitted by Tracey Gilbert

Atom AE hosts Silver Stick qualifier

On Saturday, Dec. 6 the JoAnne Sharpley's Atom AE team hosted the Silver Stick qualifier. The Storm started the morning early against a major Atom team from Woodstock. The second year team proved to be strong, shutting down the Storm on every attempt. The Storm fell short losing 11-0. The Storm in their second game faced a fellow MPS team in the Oro Thunder. The thunder opened

the scoring but the Storm came back and got one of their own with a goal by Kaine Brannigan assisted by Kyan Hall. The Thunder managed to get another making it 2-1 going into the second. The Thunder prevailed scoring three more to make the final 5-1. The Storm faced the port hope phantoms in their final game of the day. With the phantoms going up 3-0 in the first the storm tried to fight their way back but fell 5-0. On Sunday it was Woodstock and port hope for the championship game, Woodstock won the game 5-1 making them the tournament champions. The atom AE team would like to thank our sponsors for the tournament Innovative construction, Ecoscapes, Walker's Heating & Cooling, Tom prentice and sons, Sir Sams Ski & Bike, Todd's Independent, Kashaga paint, JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports, TD Minden, Minden coin wash, CPS (control panel systems) and the Crowe family. We would also like to thank Wade MacInnes for all your help, you do a great job organizing everything to make it so easy for the teams to run the tournaments. Thanks to Tim Keefer for being our tournament convenor you did a great job! Also a big thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped run this tournament you are what makes the tournaments successful. Next game is Tuesday, Dec. 16 in Minden at 6:30 p.m. against the South Muskoka Bears. Submitted by Ron Hall

Tournament Champs One Day - A Loss the Next

The Storm returned home champs after attending a tournament in Campbellford on Saturday. Games were exciting and fun-filled for everyone, as the teams were all well-matched. Storm won their first game 3-1. Devyn Prentice scored two and Patterson-Smith got the empty netter to seal the win. Next, they met with the home team, Campbellford. It was a close, hard-hitting game of back and forth action. The Storm lost the game 3-1. The only goal scored by Patterson-Smith. The final game was against the Campbellford Colts once more.

This time, the Storm was ready and took the game 3-1. Goal scorers were Jacob Haedicke, Manning and Patterson-Smith. Congratulations boys, well done.

The Storm travelled to Gravenhurst on Sunday to meet with the South Muskoka Bears and suffered a 3-0 loss. It was definitely not the usual game for the Storm, giving up a goal each period. Although, they had many chances, luck was not on their side, marking their first loss in the regular season.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Midget AE team makes it to semi finals

Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE hosted the Silver Stick tournament this past weekend. Hosting teams from: Tweed, Campbellford, Blyth Brussels, Dorchester, Kincardine, Ennismore and South Muskoka.

With many exciting games Walkers Heating and Cooling Midget AE's made it to the semi finals where we were beat by Blyth. The next semis saw Blyth beat Kincardine.

Final game was Blyth against Dorchester. Dorchester would take home the win. Good luck to Dorchester in the International Silver Stick. Next game is this Friday in Haliburton.

Submitted by Monika Keefer

Tykes play first tournament

On Saturday, Dec. 6, The Tom Prentice & Sons Tyke team travelled to Woodville for their first tournament of the season.

They started off the first period with shot after shot on the Woodville Panthers Goalie. Ty Rupnow got the game moving with deaking the goalie to start the game. Addison Card squeaked the second goal in.

Woodville came back with a quick five-hole goal.

Second goal for Woodville slipped past Storm during the second period. Third goal for storm by Ty Rupnow.

Woodville tied it up in the 3rd period. Storm came ahead with Ty Rupnow's first hat trick of the tournament, ending the first game 4-3 for Storm.

Second game vs Brock started out with a goal slipping in behind the goalie by Ty Rupnow. Brock quickly tied it up. After lots of shots on net, Ty put in another.

Colby Coumbs rushed the puck and drove the puck into the back of the net. Josh Scheffee received a pass and lifted the puck into the net. Colby Coumbs rushed the puck again, scoring. Off another face off, Storm piled up another, when Cheyenne Degeer snuck in 2 more.

Third period, Mak Prentice got another. Connor Byrne ended the game with rushing the puck to end with a 9-1 win, moving

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Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Application for Consent has been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, January 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-046/14
Applicant: 1426805 ONTARIO LIMITED
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 15, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

Additional information regarding the above-noted application is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 16th day of December, 2014

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Santa comes to Wilberforce in parade

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He arrived and so did the children. Yes, Santa Claus did arrive here last Sunday afternoon with the help of the local firefighters. The grand old elf was a busy friendly fellow as he was photographed while chatting with the wide-eyed young ones there on the Lloyd Watson Centre stage. And he and his helpers were busy because we hear there were 150 children there to meet him. They each received a gift and refreshments. While they waited their turns there were crafts, music, food and the ever popular model railway to enjoy.

On behalf of the children appreciation is extended to all volunteers and donors who again made this time a special one for the children. There are many people who give generously to this and many others events and causes. Thank you very much.

This appreciation also goes to those who organized and had entries in the Santa Parade. Some very entertaining ones again this year as Santa as well accompanied into town!

The Wilberforce School Christmas Concert will be presented at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the afternoon. A great time for these Grade 4 to 8 students to perform some interesting acts. Do hope they have had time at the hall to learn where the stage light switches are and how to pull the curtains well back so they can be seen. Also time there to learn how important it is to move to front of the stage in order to be heard in that space.

The Sunday School children and leaders from the Full Gospel Church delighted their audience with their Christmas Concert on Sunday evening Dec. 14. They brought the Christmas Story to life in word and song in very joyful presentations.

The Harcourt Chapel held their special Christmas children's program at morning service last Sunday. Their Christmas music service is at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21.

The annual Carol Service at the historic Essonville Church is on Sunday evening Dec. 21 beginning at 7 p.m.

Also on Dec. 21 at 11:15 a.m. St. Margaret's Anglican Church welcomes all to a service of Lessons and Carols. Bill Gliddon will be there with special organ music and Mark Bramham will play the trumpet.

The joy of some quiet times with friends is one of the pleasures in life. We treasure them especially at this exciting time of year. That was one of the best things about the Christmas Open House at our Outpost Museum on a very snowy day and evening last Thursday. Pleasant conversation over hot apple cider and tasty refreshments sharing a few lines of poetry among photos and artifacts from a treasured past was good.

And having a fine impromptu recitation of poetry by young Stephanie Rogers was a delightful surprise during our evening gathering. They had been prepared for her school concert at the Cardiff Elementary School this week. How good of her to be willing to share them at the museum.

Storm wins tournament

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Highland Storm on to the "A" finals.

In the finals, Storm vs Lindsay Muskies, Colby Coumbs started us off with a rush up the ice slamming the puck in the net. Ty Rupnow popped in another. Mak Prentice slipped another in the top right corner. Both, Kadin Card and Colby Coumbs earned hat tricks in this game!

Nice breakaway by Lindsay brought them onto the score board, but not enough to even the score. The game ended 7-1, making Storm the Woodville Tournament Champs! Great effort and team play by all! Keep up the hard work Storm!

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

Fund set up for McConnells

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

A fund has been set up at CIBC for the McConnells whose home burned so quickly last Wednesday. It almost goes without saying that all of our feel very badly about this overwhelming and sudden loss for Dale and Darlene, but to put this feeling into action a donation to the fund would be more practical. To find the number necessary, call 455-9656.

Please note the correction of the name of one of the young ballerinas - her name is Sarah Mee, daughter of Nicole and Richard Mee.

Word has just come of the death of Peter Dawes, a former

resident of the Irish Line. Details of some kind appropriate service will be available later.

Congratulations to Greg Crofts gold medalist in the Kenner Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 3 in Peterborough. Greg is the son of Karena and Kevin Crofts of West Guilford.

Euchre Scores of Dec. 9

High - Dianne Madonick and Bert Craig

Low - Barbara Brownsberger and Gerald Hadley

Most Lone Hands - Leslie Thatcher and Ed Muenzel

Special - Gerald Hadley

Maple Lake United Church hosted a congregational and family dinner on Dec. 13. It was a scrumptious turkey dinner with super desserts and candy favours for all. Good company with good friends was a fine way to join in the Christmas festivities.

The roast beef dinner at Medeba was equally appreciated as neighbours and residents met for the first time in some cases as they chatted over who lives where in the community.

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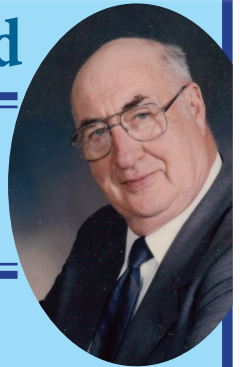
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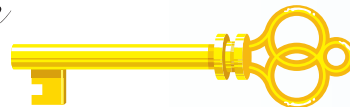


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